

## FEDERAL PLAN MEANS REVIVAL OF FOOTBALL

Some of Classic Games of Former Years Will Be Staged for Benefits.

### BENEFIT GAMES THROUGHOUT U. S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Government sanction of a series of intercollegiate football games to be played next month for the benefit of the war charities fund has paved the way for the revival of some of the gridiron classics which have held the center of the stage in past years.

Under the government plan for bringing together teams representing the rival college student army corps, the games will be played in all sections of the country. The plan is to perpetuate the game and at the same time give the student army corps the benefit of its rigors. The other is to raise large sums of money for the war charities fund, a fund which will mean so much to our boys who are wounded while fighting the Hun on land or at sea.

Details for playing the games are in the hands of former football players who are thoroughly versed in conditions and well acquainted with the ancient rivalries between colleges in all sections of the country.

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**"Mordy" Brown Is Doing His Bit to Can Kaiser**  
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 22.—Although he is handicapped by the loss of fingers, Mordy Brown, one time famous Cub hurler, like hundreds of other baseball players, is doing his bit toward winning the war for Uncle Sam. The three-fingered marvel is working in an aviation plant in Indianapolis. Every day Brown does a pair of overalls and screws crane cases for Liberty motors. Brown, who is well off financially, is above the draft age, but is anxious to join in the war. A large part of the famous hurler's savings has been invested in Liberty bonds.

## Champion Jap Wrestler Learns American Sports



B. OTANI

B. OTANI, champion ju-jitsu wrestler of Japan, who has been sent here by his government to study American sports. Otani has selected the university of Chicago as the place to acquire his athletic knowledge, and has undertaken to analyze American football so as to adapt it to Japanese customs. The photo shows Otani in football garb.

## How Do They Do It?

## There's One Of Them In Every Office

By Arnot



## MINORS TO HOLD PEORIA MEETING

During Slack Season in Baseball Territory May Be Redistricted.

By JACK VEDON.  
Well, the local old minor leaguers are going to hold their annual pow-wow in spite of the kaiser and all his "germ hums."

Secretary John Farrell of the National association, recently issued the annual call to the fall session, which is to be held in Peoria this year, and you're simply gotta give the minors credit for their tenacity. You can't shake 'em loose. They always come back for more punishment.

The meeting this year may and may not bring out important developments. It all depends what the conglomerate mood of the minors is like when they get together.

One thing is certain—with no playing season to look forward to in 1919, the minors will find themselves with an opportunity to go into the much disputed question of redistricting territory—and there may be some fireworks.

The minors are, in a way, confronted with a new danger in the National Federation, a semi-professional baseball organization which hopes to play wartime baseball. It is not dangerous just now, but it might grow big and unwieldy if given the proper nourishment, which would come with continued warfare across the pond.

Among other things the minors will probably discuss "property rights" as applied to players who will be available after the war, and it is expected that they will adopt the same policy that has been adopted by the majors and draw up a sort of gentlemen's agreement not to tamper with players who formerly played with other clubs when baseball comes back again.

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## The Days of Real Sport



By Briggs

## WRESTLER LEWIS WINS PROMOTION

"The Strangler" May Have Looked Soft But Proved He Was Not.

New York, Oct. 22.—Probably one of the quickest promotions on record in the army has been that of Ed "Strangler" Lewis, now a tip sergeant at Camp Grant. Lewis gained the promotion, thanks to a display of courage, the first day he entered the camp.

The famous wrestler was lined up with hundreds of other draftees, baggage in hand, when two husky uniformed men looking the line over started making fun of the odd looking recruit. Having Lewis the once over, one of them remarked: "Tip the fat bartender," while the other laughingly said: "He sure looks like a prize fighter."

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## Up To Youngsters To Keep Baseball Alive Next Season

Big League Teams of Comers Will Likely Be Chosen in New York and Brooklyn; Baseball Will Not Be Allowed to Go by Default; Managers Will Be on Equal Footing.

By SAM CHASE.  
IN view of the uncertainty of professional baseball coming back to its own next year and the fact that young players who will not be called in the draft, will possibly have their innings to show their ability to keep the game going. It has been proposed that the youngsters, who think they have sufficient experience and confidence in themselves to develop into coming stars, to send their names and addresses to a committee to be appointed later.

It is not unlikely that the two big league clubs in Manhattan and also in Brooklyn will enter into the plan that will enable the sport to go on next season, instead of leaving into a state of languor that would be dangerous to the very life of the national game. Surely it is the youth of our city to whom is left the protection of baseball.

It is from their ranks that the depleted teams must be reestablished. The high class of big leaguers playing that has been the standard in the past cannot be sustained, but if the various teams are evenly matched and they necessarily would be the proposed scheme will go through.

Experienced managers would have the development of the youngsters in charge and then it would be on to such men as John McGraw, Miller Huggins and Wilbert Robinson to show the youngsters the ropes.

None of these experienced big league leaders would have any advantage over the others and the managerial ability of the men would be brought out. The rivalry engendered between these three managers and others who would have in charge the development of other teams, would surely not be the least interesting part of the new departure.

It is absolutely foolish for baseball to be allowed to go by default. There seems to be a disposition on the part of some few club owners to be passive under present adverse conditions. That will be the biggest mistake of the many they have been guilty of. I know of one club that since 1904 up to this year had a continuous financial success during that time. Not one of those 15 years has ever seen that club lose money and several of those 15 years have enabled the club to declare enormous dividends to its stockholders or to improve the club's immense plant.

## STROLLS THROUGH SPORTVILLE

By WILLIAM F. KIRK.

The Touchdown Is Coming.

THE touchdown is coming! It will not be long. Our cannon are humming a Treat-em-Rough song! Old quarterback Foch with his wisdom and skill is on the offensive and gaining at will. The allies advancing along the whole line have got the Hun dancing and wading the line. Their battered appearance speaks only too well of the grand interference now cracking their shells. The Teuton eleven is cracking to bits—each August and Otto and Heinie and Fritz. They're telling each other in accents of woe how they had a grand team about three years ago. But old Father Time and old Uncle Sam have dealt their eleven a terrible slam. How little they dreamed those Yankee recruits would prove to be bears and busters and baunts. Those Yanks have cut wide lines and won high and low since they sprung from the side lines a few months ago. The touchdown is coming! Through clouds and through flame a rainbow is marking the end of the game. The Teutons may foam and froth at the mouth, but their backers at home know their bats have gone south. How little they thought ere we entered the fray that the Yanks could have fought as we're fighting today! The touchdown is coming! It had to be so. Allied rifles are drumming the doom of the foe! Our grand Yankee players have proved in the test that Columbia's breed has the speed of the best. French, English and Yanks! Oh, how they are humming! The touchdown is coming! The touchdown is coming!

## SPORTOGRAPHY By "Gravy"

JACK DAUBERT, the Robins' first baseman, has been notified by the National commission that he has no legal claim for salary against the Brooklyn Club. Daubert's contract, which he signed five years ago, called for \$5000 per season. He received \$4500 from the Brooklyn club up to Sept. 2 for this season, when baseball ended abruptly as a result of the war department's work or fight order. Daubert, who is above the first draft age limit, argued that he was not affected by the work or fight order, and that he was able to play up to Oct. 15. In view of the fact that Daubert was paid in full when incapacitated by injuries, his claim against the Brooklyn club is hardly fair, under existing circumstances, and does not show a high degree of sportsmanship.

**KID MCCOY GOT BIG**  
Most professional boxers are always glad to give a boost to an aspiring youngster, and it was through brotherhood that he could do with his date and they came forward with instructions and advice. The Kid speedily picked up the fine points of the game and decided to become a professional himself, and so, when he had learned all there was to know about Indianapolis, he set out, by freight, for pastures new.

In St. Paul he fell in with a fight promoter who was willing to give him a chance against a negro fighter named Pete Jenkins. The bout was a four round preliminary, and McCoy won the decision and \$15. That was in the summer of 1917. From that time on the Kid became a "gentleman adventurer," who talked and lived by his wits. He was a professional boxer, who was not of the strictest variety, and for a young man who had been intended for the ministry, he was certainly "fit." His fortunes ebbed and flowed, but whatever the state of his finances or of his stomach, he always wore good clothes. He would go without eating, if necessary, in order to have a clean shirt and collar. It always has been McCoy's creed that, while clothes do not make the man—and certainly not in the squared circle—they help a lot toward giving him self respect and assurance of manner, without which a "gentleman adventurer" would find hard sledding. When the Kid returned to Indianapolis after a year's absence, he had a number of victories to his credit, and his real boxing career began.

**ABBOTT-WARD BATTLE ONE OF WORST FAKES IN FUGLISH**  
Faking in pugilism flourished during the early part of the last century as it never had before, or never has since. It was just 32 years ago today, Oct. 22, 1912, that William Abbott defeated Ward in 23 rounds at Moulsey Hurst, England, and this battle is generally considered one of the rawest fakes ever pulled off in the ring.

From the first round it was evident that Ward could finish his meat at any time he desired to do so, but he played with him for 20 rounds as a cat does with a mouse. By that time Abbott was a mass of bloody, battered flesh, who only bore a faint resemblance to a human being. In the 23rd round Ward began to back and in the 24th inning he suddenly toppled over from a blow that would have scarcely have flattened a fly. It was a barefaced fraud, for, while Jim pretended to be unconscious, it was evident to all that he was only shamming. This fact was proved when the spectators recovered from their astonishment and started toward Jim, ready to punish him for his deception. The "unconscious" pugilist got up and bolted at a speed which none of his pursuers could equal, and which gave conclusive proof that he was far from being disabled. Ward afterward confessed to the fraud and was ruled out of the ring for some time, but he was later permitted to come back and in the course of a night

short time achieved the championship.

**TODAY IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.**  
1904—Ray Brenson knocked out Tommy West in four rounds at Bloomington, Ind.  
1905—Johnny Coulton outpointed Young Ziringer in six rounds at Pittsburgh, Pa.  
1910—Johnny Kilbane and Sam Langford boxed a three round exhibition at Kansas City.  
1911—Jim Barry knocked out Al Benedict in five rounds at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**Women "Pros" May Take the Place of Men in Golf**  
Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 22.—Women golf professionals may be found on all Cleveland courses next summer. Players here point out, as a result of men being called in the draft or into seek essential employment. It is said there is but one woman in Cleveland now who is really in a position to take up the work of professional at courses, although several other women have had some experience in that direction and may be called on for the work. All of the men instructors are included in the late draft.

## Army Is Making Guy Strong Man

Life in the army has made a bit with Guy Morton. Writing recently to Lee Fohl from Camp Pike, Ark., the Cleveland native said: "It's hard work, this army life, but it's filling me out to beat the band and I'm stronger and harder than ever. I weigh ten pounds more than when the war started and when the war's over I think I'll be able to go in and pitch a double header and win it, too, for the Cleveland club."

**MOORE AND MITCHELL REPRESENT GREAT LAKES**  
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 22.—Pal Moore, Memphis baseball star, and Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight, will make the trip to London as the Great Lakes naval training station representatives at the boxing bouts for the king's trophy, it was announced last night.

## WILL ORGANIZE CHURCH LEAGUE IN BASKETBALL

Each of Last Year's Church Teams Has Few of Best Players Left.

### PLENTY MATERIAL FOR CITY LEAGUE

LATELY considerable interest has been manifested as to whether or not there will be a church basketball league this season and if the city league will be reorganized. This interest has increased despite influenza, army draft, enlistments and other handicaps to local sport, until the preliminary steps to organize these popular leagues have been taken by A. L. Holm.

Physical director Holm, of the Y. M. C. A. is very anxious to boost both of these leagues, but will need the support and assistance of every fan and player. As soon as the influenza epidemic is over vigorous efforts will be made to float the Church Basketball League. In the meantime the available players are invited to call on Mr. Holm and register with him. As in the past, a sufficient number will be necessary in order to play on one of the church league teams, therefore outside players are urged to get the Sunday morning habit as soon as the churches open for services.

Physical director Holm believes that there is enough available material to organize a good league. The age limit was dropped to 16 years last year and there is every reason to believe that this rule will hold again.

Each of last year's teams still has a man or two left to form a nucleus for a team and if this nucleus can be put to work a fine league will result. The schedule will be, gymnasium classes are swinging into line in good order. The noon class on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday has made good and is a permanent institution now. There is still room and to spare in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening classes from 5 to 7 and the handball and volley ball fans are urged to come on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 5 to 7.

## First Fire Scared Man Who Has Any Brains

A certain major league ball player, name not given, now in the fighting line in France, was asked how it felt to be under fire and have the big and little ones coming whizzing over in his direction. He made immediate and positive answer: "Let me tell you that any guy who says he ain't afraid the first time he is under fire either hasn't got brains enough to be afraid or is a plain liar."

"I've stepped into a few fast ones in my day, and even Walter Johnson couldn't drive me away from the plate. But I'm here to tell you that the first night I was under fire I was worse scared than a bush league pitcher in an exhibition game with three men on base and Ty Cobb coming up swinging three bats."

After that, however, explains the former pitcher, "you sort of get control of yourself, your knees decide that it isn't old home week, and you pitch in on your own account."

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